

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the title on page 1 with the following amended title:

~~METHOD AND MEANS OF REPAIRING A PIPE MEANS TO SEAL TERMINAL
ENDS OF PIPE SLEEVES~~

Please add the following section headings:

“FIELD OF DISCLOSURE” at page 1, line 2;

“BACKGROUND” at page 1, line 6;

“SUMMARY” at page 2, line 18;

“BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS” at page 3, line 21; and

“DETAILED DESCRIPTION” at page 4, line 12.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to Fig 6, there is shown a sectional view of a riser/pipeline (20) to which is secured a pair of half sleeve pipes (22). Each half sleeve pipe (22) is a diameter larger than the diameter of the intended riser / pipeline (20) which it is proposed to cover. The half sleeve includes a flange (24) at the terminal edges, said flange extending throughout the length of the half sleeve. Each of the half sleeve pipes includes a longitudinal serrated strip (26) extending throughout the length. The longitudinal serrated strip is designed to secure a longitudinal seal (28) (27), such as an elastomeric seal (such as PTFE), copper seal or any other seal capable of being compressed between the two half sleeves to prevent leakage of materials contained within the two half sleeves when assembled together. The flanges include a plurality of spaced apart apertures (28) to accommodate nuts and bolts which are used to connect the two half sleeves.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 10 with the following amended paragraph:

The invention further includes a terminator body (45) structurally configured to be secured to the end-flange body (32). The terminator body (45) is independent and comprises of two identical halves to be secured to the two end-flange bodies (32). Each terminator body (45) includes a semi-circular collar (46) with spaced apart apertures (48). It also includes one pair ~~two pairs~~ of flanges (50, 52) each with an aperture (53). The flanges (50) are positioned in a manner such that two terminator bodies placed in mirror image to each other are securable to each other by nuts and bolts. The terminator body further includes semi-circular recess (54) dimensioned and configured to receive the semi-circular lip (42) from the end-flange body (32).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 20 with the following amended paragraph:

The working of the end connector comprising of the end-flange body and the terminator body will be described now. The half sleeve with the end-flange body (32) is positioned on the pre determined position of the riser pipe (20). The longitudinal seals (28) ~~(27)~~ are placed in position along the longitudinal serrated strips. A graphite ring (56) formed by two semi-circular graphite strips is placed in the semi-circular recess (54). Preferably the terminal edges of semi-circular graphite strips is obliquely cut to provide a more effective seal (see Fig. 10). Three mild steel rings (60, 62, 64) are positioned adjacent to graphite ring. The rings are provided to prevent any extrusion of graphite while compressing the graphite seal to activate. The half sleeves and the end-flange bodies are secured together by nut and bolt means (or alternatively are welded together).

Please replace the abstract at page 15 with the following amended abstract:

~~The claimed invention relates to a means~~ Means to seal terminal ends of the two half oversized sleeves, positionable on the external circumferential side of affected riser pipes. The means includes ~~comprises~~ of a pair of flange bodies (32) integral to the two half oversized

sleeves and a pair of terminator bodies (45). Each flange body (32) includes a semi-circular collar (34) with a plurality of bores (36) and a semi-circular lip (42). The terminator body (45) includes a semi-circular collar (34) with a plurality of bores (48) and a semi-circular recess (54) structured and configured to receive the respective semi-circular lip (42). Two semi-circular graphite strips are introducible into the semi-circular recess. The two semi-circular graphite strips forming a sealing ring (56) located in the semi-circular recess (54). The terminator body (45) is secured against the flange body (32) by tightening of nuts and bolts introduced between the bores (36, 48) in the flange body (32) and the terminator body (45).